

1 that in fact the fifteen-year term has worked out to be
2 practically a life term for most Members of the Judiciary.
3 He said that after serving only one term himself, one
4 complete term which he has just completed, he is now
5 third or fourth most senior judge in the State in terms
6 of service.

7 THE CHAIRMAN: Any further discussion? Ready
8 for the question? Before I put the vote, I would like
9 to state my own views. I am one of those who favors the
10 fourteen years, and am opposed to reducing the term at
11 all. My reasons, briefly stated, are these: We have had
12 a great deal of difficulty in the State of Maryland
13 over a long period of time, certainly ever since I have
14 been at the Bar, in inducing a best qualified person to
15 be willing to accept judicial appointment. One of the
16 principal reasons, I think, for the reluctance of persons
17 with an established practice has been, to accept judicial
18 appointment, has been the uncertainty of the continuance
19 of that appointment not merely in running for election
20 in the year or two after appointment because that is a
21 relatively minor risk. A lawyer could give up his practice